

LETTER OF SUPPORT

June 20, 2003

Hon. Bernadette Castro, Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms. Castro:

I am writing this letter to lend my support to the City of Troy's grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for 2003 Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grant funds for the rehabilitation of Powers Park in Lansingburgh.

The project will restore Powers Park to its historic look and feel, re-establishing it as a center for passive recreation and significantly enhancing the Lansingburgh Village in Troy. The rehabilitation of Powers Park will serve as a springboard for other projects that will fill needs expressed by local residents during the public visioning done as part of the Lansingburgh Village Study. A critical element of this project will be the interpretation of local history related to the industrial revolution and specifically the oil cloth industry in Troy to be made in the design of the park and to be displayed on interpretive sign panels at the park.

I urge the commissioner to fund this project so that we can begin to re-establish our important connection to local and national history and improve the recreational opportunities, historic interpretation opportunities and aesthetic appearance of this important 'Village' within the City of Troy. If I can provide you with additional information, feel free to call my office.

Sincerely,

Cc: Fred Ring, Civil Engineer, City of Troy